

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A laminate sheet comprising:

a long release sheet;

an adhesive layer in continuous direct contact and coextensive with the release surface of the long release sheet;

a base material having a first surface and a second surface, the first surface being opposite to the second surface, the first surface being in continuous direct contact and coextensive with the adhesive layer opposite to the long release sheet, the base material being of a different material than the adhesive layer; and

a protective material provided longitudinally on and in continuous direct contact with a generally peripheral portion of the second surface of the base material, wherein the peripheral portion corresponds to a portion other than a principally used portion of the adhesive layer,

wherein the protective material is provided as first and second portions thereof, only on first and second sides of the second surface of the base material wherein the first and second sides do not touch one another, the first and second portions being spaced apart in the widthwise direction thereof, and the first and second portions defining a void therebetween,

wherein ~~the second surface of~~ the base material corresponding to the principally used portion of the adhesive layer is of a material selected from the group consisting of

(i) polycarbonate, poly (methyl methacrylate), polystyrene, cellulose ester, polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyamide, and polyimide,

(ii) an anti-reflection or anti-glare treated film selected from cellulose ester, polyester, polyolefin, polyamide,

polyimide, polyvinyl chloride, poly (methyl methacrylate), polycarbonate, and polyurethane, and

(iii) a release treated film or paper selected from polyethylene terephthalate film, polypropylene film, glassine paper, clay-coated paper, and laminated paper.

2. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1,

wherein a central portion of the adhesive layer in the widthwise direction thereof is the principally used portion of the adhesive layer.

3. (Currently amended) A laminate sheet comprising:
a long release sheet having a release surface and a back surface opposite thereto;

an adhesive layer in continuous direct contact and coextensive with the release surface of the long release sheet;

a base material being in continuous direct contact and coextensive with the adhesive layer opposite to the long release sheet, the base material being of a different material than the adhesive layer; and

a protective material provided longitudinally on and in continuous direct contact with a generally peripheral portion of the back surface of the long release sheet wherein the peripheral portion corresponds to a portion other than a principally used portion of the adhesive layer,

wherein the protective material is provided as first and second portions thereof, only on first and second sides of the back surface of the release sheet wherein the first and second sides do not touch one another, the first and second portions being spaced apart in the widthwise direction thereof, and the first and second portions defining a void therebetween,

wherein ~~the back surface of the~~ release sheet corresponding to the principally used portion of the adhesive layer is of a material-release treated film or paper selected from the group consisting of

polyethylene terephthalate film, polypropylene film, glassine paper, clay-coated paper, and laminated paper.

4. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3,

wherein a central portion of the adhesive layer in the widthwise direction thereof is the principally used portion of the adhesive layer.

5. (Withdrawn) A producing method for a laminate sheet comprising the steps of;

laminating a long release sheet, an adhesive layer and a base material in this order;

laminating, at any step, a protective sheet on the surface of the base material or the back surface of the release sheet; and

dividing the laminated protective sheet into a portion corresponding to a principally used portion of the adhesive layer and a portion corresponding to a portion other than a principally used portion of the adhesive layer, and removing the portion corresponding to the principally used portion of the adhesive layer to form a protective material.

6. (Withdrawn) A producing method for a laminate sheet comprising the steps of;

laminating a long release sheet, an adhesive layer and a base material in this order; and

providing, at any step, a protective material on a portion of the surface of the base material or the back surface of the release sheet wherein the portion corresponds to a portion other than a principally used portion of the adhesive layer.

7. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein, when the laminate sheet is wound into a roll, the protective material serves as a spacer between the base material and the long release sheet.

8. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective material has a band-like shape and a uniform width.

9. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective material has a shape with an edge adjacent to the principally-used portion.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein a thickness of the protective material is between 5 μ m and 100 μ m.

12. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein, when the laminate sheet is wound into a roll, the protective material serves as a spacer between the base material and the long release sheet.

13. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein the protective material has a band-like shape and a uniform width.

14. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein the protective material has a shape with an edge adjacent to the principally-used portion.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein a thickness of the protective material is between 5 μ m and 100 μ m.

17. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein the base material is made of polycarbonate, poly (methyl methacrylate), or polystyrene.

18. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein the base material is a release treated film or paper.

19. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein the base material is made of polycarbonate, poly (methyl methacrylate), or polystyrene.

20. (Previously presented) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein the base material is a release treated film or paper.

21. (Previously presented) A roll of the laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein the laminate sheet is disposed in a longitudinally rolled-up form, the void existing between the first and second portions.

22. (Previously presented) A roll of the laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein the laminate sheet is disposed in a longitudinally rolled-up form, the void existing between the first and second portions.